

Utica State Hospital Main Building
1213 Court Street, Utica

This mammoth building opened in 1843 as the first “state asylum for the insane poor” in New York. It was then, and remains, one of the largest and most powerful architectural statements of the Greek Revival in the country. Designed in an archaic Doric mode, apparently not by an architect but by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the hospital has a massive portico whose fluted columns rise four full stories. Although the design harkens back to ancient Greek principles, the building’s heating and ventilating systems were quite modern for their time.